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OREGON CROPS ARE EXCELLENT

VISITOR FROM AROUND THE STATE CLAIMS THEY NEVER WERE BETTER AND THAT FRUIT GROWING IS RAPIDLY INCREASING.

"This year will be one of the most prosperous for farmers in Oregon and Washington in the history of the west," asserted J. W. Hutchinson, traveling representative of the International Harvester Company of Battle Creek, Mich., at the Occident Hotel, last night. He travels all over the west coast selling machinery to the farmers and has ample opportunity to find out crop conditions.

"Western farmers have bought more machinery this year than ever before," he continued, "and this machinery applies to all lines of the farming and fruit business. Fruit raising especially is going ahead with great strides in the western part of Oregon, while both grain and fruit raising are on an enormous increase in the more western sections of Oregon and Washington.

"The cherry crop this year is more than twice as large as any previous year. The fruit is larger in size and more luscious. So much of it has been sent away for exhibits and to friends that Oregon will have the reputation of raising the finest cherries in the world as well as the best apples. The latter fruit is shipped to the large European cities as fancy fruit and easily holds an unrivalled position among the same production from other countries, such as Canada and Australia.

"On the upper Columbia the wheat crop this year is going to be a record-breaker and many farmers have contracted their entire crop at 75 cents. Under such conditions as these it is natural that labor saving machinery should be in great demand. The immigration to the west also has much to do with this increasing demand.

"The machinery sold to the big wheat farmers in the middle west does not receive the demand that the smaller farming machinery does in the west-coast states. Western Oregon is divided up into hills and small rich valleys. It is therefore necessary that different farming machinery be used to that in vogue in the level country.

"These same valleys, however, have so rich a soil that more profit is secured from them than in the larger farms further east."

GETTING READY FOR FRAKES.

Portland Players Will Have a Clean, Snappy Game of Baseball on Sunday.

Already preparations are being made for the baseball game Sunday afternoon. It will be between the Astoria Bohemians and the Frakes team, of Portland. But Captain Jackson's men are not going to allow the visitors to take away the scalps of the Bohemians like they did on their first appearance in this city several weeks ago. That was early in the season and since that time the fish have been running better.

It is safe to predict that the Frakes will know that they have been in a ball game when the dust clears on the Astoria diamond Sunday afternoon.

For the accommodation of the sports of Astoria who are too short winded to walk out to the A. F. C. grounds Manager Brown has arranged for a line of busses and hacks which will run between the field and Eleventh and Bond and in front of Brown's cigar store on Twelfth and Bond streets. This means of transportation will be ready at 1:30 Sunday and last until 2:30.

Sunday excursions to North (Long) Beach. Round trip fare \$1.00 to any point on North Beach. Tickets good returning on either the steamer Potter or Nacotta. Call at O. R. & N. dock for particulars.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

PORTLAND BOAT'S TRIP.

Launch Re-inforced For Rough Weather on Way to Coos Bay.

The gasoline boat Gazelle, of Portland, is lying in the harbor awaiting a calm day to make a trip to Coos Bay to replace a disabled launch running in and out of Newport and around the harbor. The boat formerly on the run carried baggage and passengers.

The Gazelle is 30 feet long and has a 50 horse-power engine, but she lies low in the water and has rather a heavy upper deck. The way she rolled in a few swells convinced her captain, H. W. Scott, that an attempt to take the boat in the heavy ocean swells would result in the pilot house and upper deck going overboard, with probably worse disaster.

The boat was heavily braced with cross-beams, above the lower deck yesterday and everything that might be jarred loose by a heavy sea was strengthened. The boat has taken out clearance papers and may commence her somewhat risky trip this morning should the weather show indications of calmness.

A pilot has been engaged to navigate her on the trip and including the captain, G. M. Graham and J. M. McMillan, of Portland will make the trip.

DECIDE WINNERS TODAY

JUDGES TO AWARD PRIZES IN ADVERTISING ESSAY CONTEST BY SCHOOL CHILDREN ON RESOURCES OF CLATSOP COUNTY.

The judges in the contest among the pupils of the Astoria public schools for the best essay on the resources of Clatsop county and the natural advantages of this city, will make their decisions as to the winners of the first and second prizes some time today.

The indications are that Miss Arline Gaither will be winner of the first prize, which amounts to \$12, while there are a number of candidates for second place honors, the prize of which is \$5. The prizes will be given to the two having the best essay, printed in some newspaper outside Oregon.

The contest commenced last April, when Secretary Whyte and other members of the Chamber of Commerce visited the public schools in the city. They presented the plan of having the school children write to any friends or acquaintances they had outside the state, and also started the contest for a story on the resources of this section.

The pupils of the schools took the matter up eagerly and for months there has been a spirited contest as to which could make Clatsop county seem best in the eyes of eastern people. In this manner the Chamber of Commerce has managed to secure a large amount of advertising for the city. Many thousands of people have heard of the district from the children who have been raised here.

The awarding of the prizes today will be the close of the contest and considerable interest as to the winners will have been satisfied.

BREAK IN RIVER IS CLOSED.

Stupendous Undertakings Ordered by Harriman at Request of President.

CHICAGO, August 1.—With the announcement that the break in the Colorado river has been closed and the Imperial valley saved ends, for the time being, at least, the most heroic battle ever fought by man and nature. The reward was nothing less than the homes of 10,000 people and five millions of dollars. Man, in the guise of a corporation, has triumphed, and the river, ages old has been forced back into the channel from which it threatened to engulf farm, town and railroad. That hero of the Crusades who cast his helmet into the midst of the Saracen hordes and

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swept them before the Red Cross was not more bold than the prosaic engineers who undertook to curb the Colorado. In this attempt there was only one precedent—failure.

Nevertheless, President Roosevelt's summons of last December was promptly answered. On the 20th of that month Mr. Roosevelt telegraphed to Mr. Harriman: "It seems clear to me that it is the imperative duty of the California Development Company to close this break at once." "This break" was a gap a fifth of a mile long through which the river, at a depth of 30 feet, was rushing into the Salton sink. Imagine an enormous teacup with a river flowing about its rim and you have the situation clearly outlined. To irrigate the wonderfully rich loam of the cup, the river had been recklessly tapped. From an irrigation canal, its waters became a raging torrent that only almost superhuman effort could control. Now the declaration that the river has been forced back into its banks and that "affairs at the river have been turned back to the California Development Association" marks the triumph of the Harriman engineers.

Against a flow of water that had resisted every effort to control it, the Southern Pacific titans in 15 days and two hours erected a dam containing 77,000 cubic yards of rock, gravel, and clay. The locomotives of passenger trains were not too important to be called upon to help in this task. Men worked without ceasing for sleep—hardly for food—that the "break" might be closed. In money the Southern Pacific Railroad, interested in behalf of the company that had loosened the river's bonds and as one of the sufferers from the river's havoc, has advanced \$1,500,000 to repair the break. In labor, the railroad company has spent the efforts of its most skillful engineers and of thousands of laborers day in and day out, night following night.

The actual work of damming the Colorado was done in two weeks after the President's call to pick and shovel. The formal announcement was delayed only for the finishing touches because the Colorado has been "controlled" before this, only to break its bonds. Now there is a 60-foot dam, four feet above the highest known water, and the settlers who discovered that the "Salton Sink" was an out-of-door paradise for the almost magical growing of fruits and vegetables have returned to their homesteads in secure faith that the river, their greatest enemy, has been finally conquered. The railroad will replace its washed away tracks and trestles and it is believed that the Imperial valley farmers may safely trust that there is nothing more to fear from the river.

ASTORIA THEATER TONIGHT.

Lee Willard and his popular company will be seen tonight in the great American comedy-drama, "A Western Gentleman." This is one of the strongest plays in Mr. Willard's repertoire and will no doubt draw a big house. On Saturday afternoon "Camille" will be the attraction with special matinee prices. Theater-goers are showing their appreciation of the Willard company every night. The attendance is unusually good. Beginning next Monday night the play will be "The Man From Arizona."

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- C. G. Shaw to A. L. Miller and wife W. 1-2, lot 3, block 3, Grimes Annex, quit claim... 300
- Anna M. Olsen to Gus Palo, lot 10, block 4, Astoria... 1300
- Robert McMail and wife to Westport Lumber Co., certain land in sec. 36, T. 8 N., R. 6 W., with restrictions... 1
- Jas. W. Welch and wife to Oscar Lovell, N 1-2 lot 1, block 7, Astoria... 400
- Mary Ann Lovell to Elizabeth Tagg, SW. 1-4, sec. 16, T. 4 N., R. 6 W., 160 acres... 10

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SHOOTS IN SELF-DEFENSE.

LEWISTON, Idaho, August 1.—Murray Gunn, who is held as a witness against William Curry, was taken to the county jail in Moscow, where he will be confined until the trial is called. Curry is charged with murder, as he shot and instantly killed A. E. Peterson at Kippen on July 5 while attempting to shoot Gunn.

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